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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/611,576	Applicant(s) STOCKLAND, WAYNE L.	
	Examiner C. SAYALA	Art Unit 1761	

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE ____ MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/14/2006.
 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 7/14/2006 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US Patent 5824355 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heitritter et al. (US Patent 5824355) in view of Lanter et al. (US Patent 5540932).

Heitritter et al. show all the limitations except the addition of fat. Lanter et al. teach adding fat to the protein before cooking it (col. 3, lines 25-30, 57-60). The protein disclosed includes soybean meal and the fat, soybean oil. Col. 2, lines 46 and 57. Maximum amount of fat added is 6 wt%. The mixture is subjected to cooking (extruder, col. 3 and col. 4). **Lanter et al.'s invention is also drawn to a rumen bypass feed composition to increase milk levels and milk component yield. The specification states the extruded animal feed nuggets which include oil seed meals and fat, functions as a rumen escape composition and permit the release of beneficial**

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nutrients in the abomasums or subsequent digestive tract. The patentee states that the invention is to a "method of achieving the same level of milk and milk component yield in ruminants which are fed to a lower crude protein diet than those which are fed a normal crude protein diet". It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate fat into the protein or oil seed meal by mixing in soybean oil, as taught by Lanter et al., for the benefits taught by the patentees. Furthermore, such incorporation would have been obvious since the inventions are both drawn to increasing nutrients to the abomasum and increasing their milk production, and they both use similar ingredients made in a similar manner.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 7/14/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's position that the examiner has not established any motivation or suggestion to combine and has merely asserted that the combination is obvious is vigorously disagreed with. To aid applicant in this regard, the rejection has been expanded and emphasized to delineate the usefulness of Lanter's invention, which is very similar to applicant's own.

With regard to applicant's comment at page 7, that the Patent '355 cannot be prior art because of common ownership, applicant is reminded that the 103(a) rejection has been applied based on the patent being more than a year older than the filing date of the instant invention.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to C. SAYALA whose telephone number is 571-272-1405.

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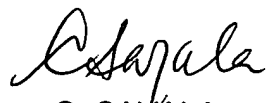
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Sayala', is positioned above the printed name.

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